

# Demographics

North Carolina has over 550 thousand residents living in distressed tracts, representing nearly seven percent of the state's population. Forty seven percent of all distressed residents live in the 86 designated urban distressed tracts compared to 53 percent in 61 rural tracts.

Distress does not affect all groups of people in the state equally . Distressed tracts, urban and rural, are disproportionately black. Whereas 7 percent of all North Carolinians live in distressed tracts, nearly 19 percent of blacks do. The latino population is overrepresented in urban distressed tracts, but not in rural

262,331 Urban Distressed Areas

293,909 Rural Distressed Areas

Total population of North Carolina urban distressed census tracts and rural distressed census tracts.

Source: US Bureau of the Census

distressed tracts. American Indians make up 11 percent of the rural distressed tract population, despite making up slightly less than 1 percent of the total North Carolina population (not shown in figures). Whites make up 73 percent of the total state population, but only represent 28 percent of the population living in distress.



Racial breakdown: North Carolina

Source: US Bureau of the Census



Racial breakdown: Urban Tracts

Source: US Bureau of the Census



Racial breakdown: Rural Tracts

Source: US Bureau of the Census